

## MEMORIAL.

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*To his Excellency the Governor,  
and the Honorable the Council of Maryland,*

We the undersigned, Commissioners of the Town of Easton, respectfully represent unto your honors, that we have been called on, and earnestly requested in behalf of the citizens of the Town, to make known to your honors the exposed, and dangerous situation of our public ordnance. The public armoury is barely large enough to contain the muskets and small arms; the building is generally believed to be fire proof, but the armourer declares it is not so; some repairs are necessary to be done to it to make it so. A wooden shed adjoining to the armoury was built as a cover, or protection for the ordnance, but it is only covered with *plank*, and is open at one end, so that the artillery and carriages are much exposed, and liable to be injured or made use of for a very improper purpose. The Methodist Episcopal Church stands near the armoury; the guns have been often privately loaded and fired—lately one of them under the shed, was fired in the night during service in the Methodist Church, to alarm and disturb the congregation as it is supposed; being pointed towards the Court House, the explosion shattered to pieces, seventy-five panes of the window glass thereof. We have reason to believe that the armourer pays all the attention in his power to the armoury and artillery, but it is impossible for him without the aid of a guard at night, to prevent persons from privately loading and firing the guns, to the great annoyance and disturbance of the citizens, and the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has frequently found one of the guns *heavily* loaded and expects some day or other to find *all* the guns *spiked*. We think the foregoing circumstances will justify us, in expressing to your honors the opinion (entertained not only by ourselves, and the citizens of the Town, but by all persons who have seen the exposed situation of the ordnance,) that a fire proof brick addition to the armoury ought to be forthwith built,